

Time for change...

*1 To everything there is a season,
and a time to every purpose under
the heaven:
2 A time to be born, and a time to
die; a time to plant, and at time to
pluck up that which is planted;
3 A time to kill, and a time to heal; a
time to break down, and a time to
build up;
4 A time to weep, and a time to
laugh; a time to mourn, and a time
to dance;
5 A time to cast away stones, and a
time to gather stones together; a
time to embrace, and a time to re-
frain from embracing;
6 A time to get, and a time to lose; a
time to keep, and a time to cast
away;
7 A time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to
speak;
8 A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war, and a time of peace.*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 KJV

This Bible verse inspires me and helps me to understand the circumstances of our change as Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center transitions our mission from a Premier Mobilization Site to a Premier Training Installation. We have been blessed with abundant jobs for our civilian and military workforce that

have lasted long past all initial expectations. Team, the time of change is now. Most of you are aware of the employment cutbacks as our brave service men and women transition out of the mountains and deserts in Afghanistan back to their hometowns all across America. Please be patient as transition continues to take shape. We will continue our mission until every Soldier returns home. At that time, we will embrace new training opportunities and technology to continue to train National Guard and Reserve forces to ensure our nation’s safety and security against all enemies foreign and domestic. As we embrace change, it is my duty to inform you that this is the last full scale newspaper edition of the “Reveille” newspaper. Soldiers, civilians and Family members have enjoyed the “Reveille” since April 2005 when the newspaper was reestablished from its initial roots dating back to its original debut during World War II on Jan. 15, 1941. The “Reveille” will continue publication with a smaller and less frequent newsletter. Expect to see those changes emerge very soon as we continue to transition personnel, responsibilities, distribution plan and the

overall plan for the installation publication. The annual training cycle is well under way for our National Guard units from Mississippi and elsewhere, the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps is in full swing and we continue to mobilize and demobilize units for missions around the world. Team, we continue the task of preparing service members for their mobilization missions as we welcome the 858th Horizontal Construction Engineer Company, Mississippi Army National Guard and the 1151st Vertical Construction Engineer Company, Alabama Army National Guard. This month, we will welcome home members of the 109th Infantry Battalion, Pennsylvania Army National Guard; 56th Infantry Headquarters, Texas Army National Guard; 158th Infantry Battalion, Arizona Army National Guard; 26th Infantry Headquarters, Hawaii Army National Guard. Thanks to all of you for your continued support and sacrifice during your deployment. This month we are proud to host the following Mississippi Army National Guard units for Annual Training; 1-185th Aviation, 2-185th Aviation, Headquarters 1-204th Air

Defense Artillery as well as Headquarters and Headquarters Company 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command. Please welcome our neighboring Comrades in Arms for Annual Training, 1-278th and 2-278th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Tennessee Army National Guard and the 163rd Area Support Medical Company, North Carolina Army National Guard. As the summer months will soon transition to fall, remember safety first. Area schools will begin their fall semester the first part of August, so you can expect increased traffic on the roadways. Respect the speed limits in school zones and always stop for school buses. We are currently in the middle of hurricane season, no better time than now to ensure your emergency kits are up to date and a hurricane evacuation plan in place in the event of a storm. Prevention and awareness makes accidents more avoidable and prevents emergencies from becoming a catastrophe. Thanks team, for your dedicated support as we continue the mission of mobilizing and demobilizing America’s heroes in support of contingency operations around the world. It is an honor and a privilege to assist America’s finest patriots as they em-



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bark on their journey for the continued fight for freedom. Thank you for all that you do and keep up the good work. May God continue to bless you, your Families, and this great country. “SOLDIERS FIRST”!

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Security courses

The Department of Defense Defense Security Service (DSS) Center for Development of Security Excellence (CDSE) offers security education, training and certification. Courses offered by CDSE are available to U.S. government employees and military members. Some courses are also available to employees of companies that have government contracts. There is no charge for any CDSE course; however, some courses require purchase of textbooks. The American Council on Education’s College Credit Recommendation Service (ACE CREDIT) has evaluated and recommended college credit for 13 CDSE courses. For more information, contact the Camp Shelby Education Center at 601-558-2029 or email: John.f.junkins.naf@mail.mil

DANTES changes

DANTES Subject Standardized Testing (DSST) will discontinue paper-based DSST testing at education centers effective Aug. 31. The decision to eliminate paper-based exams is based on a steady decline over the past year. DSST exams will still be available after Aug. 31 at National Testing Centers. Soldiers interested in DSST testing at Camp Shelby Education Center before testing is discontinued should contact the Camp Shelby Education Office at 601-558-2029 or email John Junkins at John.f.junkins.naf@mail.mil

VOW requirements

Camp Shelby Soldiers transitioning from Active Duty must coordinate with the DPCA Plans/Ops Office and the ACAP counselor in Building 1441 to start their demobilization process as well in advance of the end of their orders as possible. Ideally that would be six months prior to the end of the order, but no less than 60 days from the order end-date. The Veterans Opportunity to Work Act requirements may be completed online or in the classroom setting. Soldiers may complete the

requirements online or attend the classes which are held every Thursday in Building 1613 beginning at 7 a.m. Attendance to the classroom version must be coordinated with DPCA Plans/Op and the ACAP Counselor prior to attendance. If you complete VOW via virtual means, you must schedule an appointment with the ACAP Counselor for review of the documents produced in order to be cleared to continue the demobilization process. For more information, call the Camp Shelby ACAP Office at 601-558-2298.

H2H

Are you, or is someone you know looking for a job? Hero2Hired (H2H) is a Department of Defense program created to help Guard and Reserve members find employment. In addition to searchable job postings of military-friendly employers all over the country, H2H provides many other valuable tools to find a job, all in one place. Visit www.H2H.jobs and sign up today!

SIFT testing available

The Selected Instrument for Flight Training (SIFT) has replaced the Army Flight Aptitude Selection Test (AFAST) and is now available at Camp Shelby Education Center. SIFT Testing requires a completed DA Form 4187 with verification of a GT score of 110. For more information contact John.f.junkins.naf@mail.mil

NRA Life of Duty

The National Rifle Association is offering free annual memberships for military service members, law enforcement officers and first responders through the Life of Duty program. For more information or to sponsor a membership, go to the NRA Life of Duty website at <http://www.nralifeofduty.tv/#/home>

Military HOMEFRONT

This is the official Department of Defense web site for reliable Quality of Life information designed to help troops and their Families, leaders and service providers. Whether you live the military lifestyle or support those who do, find what you need! - www.military-homefront.dod.mil/

VWIP program

Oak Arbor, a division of Pine Belt Mental Health, has received a VWIP grant and is partnering with Pearl River Community College Workforce Development to provide services focused on enhancing the employability of eligible veterans within the Perry, Lamar and Forrest County areas. The programs will be Pipefitting, Commercial Truck Driving, EMT, Electrical and Welding. Additional training will be offered in Forklift training and Microsoft applications. Those completing the respective program will also get a Career Readiness Certificate. ACT scores are not required; only high school or GED. CDL training doesn’t require high school or GED. EMT, CDL and Welding will be in Hattiesburg. Pipefitting will be in Poplarville. The program will pay for tuition and supplies. The point of contact at Oak Arbor is Latibiyatta McIendon, at tbuckhalter@oak-arbor.com or 601-545-2925; at Pearl River CC POC is Deborah Hewitt at dhewitt@prcc.edu or 601-554-5503. For more information, contact John.f.junkins.naf@mail.mil

MS degree in....

A team from the USM Center for Logistics, Trade and Transportation delivered a presentation on the MS Degree in Logistics, Trade and Transportation earlier this year8. This unique degree is in demand and could pave the way for a career on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and other areas. For more information on this and other educational programs, contact the Camp Shelby Education Office at 601-558-2029 or email John Junkins at John.f.junkins.naf@mail.mil

AARTS Transition

The Army/American Council on Education Registry Transcript System (AARTS) is in the process of transitioning to the Joint Services Transcript (JST). The JST will produce a FREE uniformed transcript of all military training and experiences to Service members from all branches. The new electronic transcripts will include Enlisted, Warrant Officer and Officer training, joint military training, and DANTES-funded standardized test

scores. The transition to JST is expected to be completed by January 1, 2013. During the transition, the process of requesting an AARTS transcript via GoArmyEd or the AARTS website will not change. The AARTS Team will continue to provide updates on the more information contact John.f.junk-ins.naf@mail.mil or call 601- 558-2029.

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